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SUBJ: QUADRIPARTITE CONSULTATION ON QA

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1. IT HAS BEEN BERLIN-ALLIED COMMON WISDOM FOR SOME TIME THAT FRENCH ARE PRINCIPAL PROPONENTS OF FOUR-POWER CONSULTATION TO RESOLVE ARGUMENTS STEMMING FROM INTERPRETATION OF QA. IT IS ALSO BELIEVED, PARTICULARLY BY BRITISH, THAT SAUVARNARGUES HIMSELF IS ENAMORED OF IDEA. WHEN I MENTIONED TO FRENCH BONN GROUP REP LUSTIG AUGUST 6 IN COURSE OF LUNCH FOR AMBASSADOR WORMSER THAT I UNDERSTOOD HE FAVORED CONSULTATIONS, AND ASKED WHAT HE EXPECTED TO ACHIEVE. BEST RATIONALE HE COULD OFFER WAS THAT IT MIGHT HELP PUT TO REST TROUBLESOME RUNNING EXCHANGE AT UN IN REGARD TO BERLIN STATUS. HE WAS LESS THAN PRECISE WHEN I ASKED WHAT HE WOULD OFFER IN RETURN. INDEED HE DID NOT SOUND TOO CONVINCED ABOUT THE PROPOSITION GENERALLY.

2. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT FRENCH INTEREST IN CONSULTATIONS WITH
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SOVIETS GOES BEYOND LUSTIG PERSONALLY AND ESSENTIALLY
REFLECTS DESIRE TO MANEUVER FRONT-CENTER AND CONCERN AT
BEING BROUGHT ALONG IN WAKE OF US-SOVIET BILATERAL CONVER-
SATIONS, RATHER THAN ANY WELL-THOUGHT-OUT CONCEPT OF WHAT
MIGHT BE ACHIEVED. JUDGING FROM POST-QA SOVIET AND GDR
EFFORTS AT REINTERPRETATION OF QUADRIPARTITE UNDERSTANDINGS, WE
SEE LITTLE PROSPECT OF CONSULTATION LEADING TO IMPROVEMENT OF
WESTERN POSITIONS ON SUCH MATTERS AS BERLIN-FRG TIES OR GDR
VOICE IN QA IMPLEMENTATION UNLESS WE ARE PREPARED TO PLAY
HIGH CARDS SUCH AS CSCE, WHICH FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS WE
ASSUME WE ARE NOT, REPEAT NOT, PREPARED TO DO.
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